

The Downriver Auto Theft Team (DRATT) received a request for assistance from Hertz Car Rental Security. They advised that a 2007 Cadillac Escalade owned by Hertz had been reported stolen by a renter. Hertz tracked the vehicle to Detroit by the onboard GPS system, and DRATT located the vehicle parked behind Detect Collision. DRATT and an agent from the State of Michigan Investigations Division performed an inspection of the shop and recovered the reported stolen vehicle.

DRATT also recovered a second 2007 Cadillac Escalade reported stolen out of West Bloomfield. Also seized during the inspection was a leased 2006 Chevrolet Trailblazer that was found to have an "odometer shut-off switch" installed. The Hertz vehicle was falsely reported as stolen by a renter after he apparently was involved in an uninsured crash, and the second Escalade had been taken by fraud. It does not appear that the collision shop was involved in either of the reported thefts, but an investigation into the "odometer shut-off switch" continues. The recoveries are valued at \$114,000.